

Letter To A Nation

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music begins with a Gm chord. The melody in the upper staff features a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a repeat sign and first/second endings. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment. Performance markings include *ped.*, ** ped.*, and *sim **. Chord changes are indicated by Gm, D, and Gm.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece with two staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and the lower staff has a bass clef. The key signature remains two sharps and the time signature is 4/4. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. Performance markings include *ped.* and *sim **. Chord changes are indicated by D, Gm, and D.

The vocal parts of the song are presented in two systems. The first system is labeled "Verse 1" and the second is labeled "Verse 2". Both systems use a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has four measures with lyrics: "Love let ter to a Na tion heart felt words." The second system has four measures with lyrics: "Love let ter to a Na tion words of in spir a tion". The music is supported by a piano accompaniment in the lower staves, with a G chord in the first measure of each system. Performance markings include *ped.* and *sim **. Chord changes are indicated by G, D, G, and D.

Verse 1 G D G A A

of comfort and cour age want ing to be heard.

Verse 2

from a res pect ed el der a mes sage to the young.

CHORUS D G D G

My friends, love is bet ter than an ger, Hope is bet ter than fear

~ D G A Bm⁷ Bm⁷

Op ti mis im is bet ter than des pair

G/A D^{7}_{maj} G D^{7}_{maj}/A

So let us be lov ing hope ful and op ti mis tic

G $A7$ D D *D.S. al CODA*

and we'll change the wor ld

D D D D Gm

Gm Broaden.....then rit until end and hold. D D D

My friends.